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**BUSINESS REPORT**

**MONTANA SENATE  
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**SENATE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Friday, April 24, 2015

**Place:** Capitol

**Time:** 7:30 A.M.

**Room:** 335

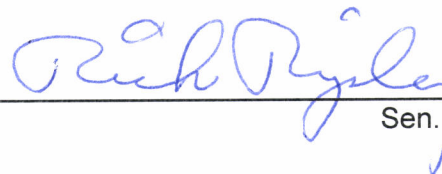
**BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:**

SB 354 - Create infrastructure funding program - Sen. Rick Ripley

**EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:**

SB 354, Recommend that the Conference Committee Report Be Adopted and Amended Further

**Comments:**



Sen. Ripley, Chair



# MONTANA STATE SENATE

## ROLL CALL

### FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Date: 4-24-15 HB/SB No. 354

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT/ EXCUSED
Sen. Ripley, Chair	✓	
Sen. Jones	✓	
Sen. Sesso	✓	
Rep. J. Bennett	✓	
Rep. Noland		✓
Rep. Lieser	✓	

Staff: Julie Johnson

Secretary: Charlene Devine







# MONTANA STATE SENATE

## ROLL CALL VOTE

### **FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

Date: 4-24-15 HB/SB No. 354

NAME	AYE	NO
Sen. Ripley, Chair	✓	
Sen. Jones	✓	
Sen. Sesso		✓
Rep. J. Bennett	✓	
Rep. Noland	✓ R	
Rep. Lieser		✓

Vote by chamber:

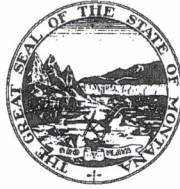
Senate: Aye 2 No 1

House: Aye 2 No 1









**FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**  
**on Senate Bill 354**  
**Report No. 001, April 24, 2015**

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Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

We, your Free Conference Committee met and considered **Senate Bill 354** (reference copy -- salmon) and recommend this Free Conference Committee report be adopted.

For the Senate:

*Rick Ripley*  
Sen. Rick Ripley Chair

*Llew Jones*  
Sen. Llew Jones

Sen. Jon Sesso

*Peggy Dennis*  
Amendment Coordinator

For the House:

*Jerry Bennett*  
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett Vice Chair

*Mark Noland*  
Rep. Mark Noland

Rep. Ed Lieser

And, recommend that **Senate Bill 354** (reference copy -- salmon) be amended as follows:

1. Title, page 1, line 10 through line 11.

**Strike:** "REQUIRING" on line 10 through "FORMULA;" on line 11

2. Page 2, line 17.

**Following:** "account"

**Insert:** " -- annual transfer to school facility and technology  
account"

**ADOPT**  
**REJECT**

**Amendment # SB 354001**



3. Page 2, line 27.

**Following:** "through 6]."

**Insert:** "The state treasurer shall transfer 10% of the interest earnings received from the build Montana endowment fund to the school facility and technology account established in 20-9-516 for funding projects outlined in 20-9-516(1)(c), (1)(d), and (1)(f)."

4. Page 3, line 9.

**Following:** "5]."

**Insert:** "The subcommittee may establish ranking criteria for infrastructure projects."

5. Page 3, line 14 through line 15.

**Strike:** "BETWEEN" on line 14 through "1(F)." on line 15

6. Page 3, line 17.

**Following:** "approval."

**Insert:** "Grants for local government road and street projects may not exceed 30% of the total funds available for granting from the build Montana fund in a biennium."

7. Page 3, line 22.

**Following:** line 21

**Insert:** "(8) The department of commerce shall administer the grants approved by the legislature."

8. Page 3, line 24 through line 25.

**Strike:** "and the" on line 24 through "conservation" on line 25

9. Page 3, line 25.

**Strike:** "a list to the subcommittee"

**Insert:** "to the subcommittee a list"

**Following:** "projects"

**Insert:** "and a list of local government road and street projects"

10. Page 3, line 27.

**Following:** "to"

**Insert:** ": (a)"

11. Page 3, line 28.



**Following:** "criteria"

**Insert:** "for infrastructure projects that are not local government road or street projects; and  
(b) the criteria established under [section 6] for local government road and street projects"

12. Page 3, line 29.

**Strike:** "May"

**Insert:** "February"

**Following:** "year,"

**Insert:** "governing bodies of"

13. Page 3, line 29 through line 30.

**Strike:** "organizations" on line 29 through "governments," on line 30

14. Page 3, line 30 through page 4, line 1.

**Strike:** "AN ENTITY" on page 3, line 30 through "SYSTEMS" on page 4, line 1

**Insert:** "the statewide interoperability governing board"

15. Page 4, line 1 through line 2.

**Strike:** "a list" on line 1 through "recommended" on line 2

**Insert:** "applications for infrastructure projects to the department of commerce"

16. Page 4, line 4 through line 18.

**Strike:** section 6 in its entirety

**Insert:** "NEW SECTION. Section 6. Criteria for local government road and street project grants -- application requirements. (1) Grants for local government road and street projects are available for:

(a) preventive maintenance;  
(b) rehabilitation, including projects designed to extend the life of existing road surfaces by pothole filling, crack sealing, chip sealing, graveling, asphaltting, and overlaying;

(c) restoration;

(d) construction; and

(e) reconstruction.

(3) A local government road or street project for construction improvement of a gravel road should be designed in accordance with the Montana county gravel road standards established by the local technical assistance program at Montana state university as a minimum design standard.

(4) A local government road or street project for



construction improvement of a paved street or road should be designed in accordance with the standards of the American association of state highway and transportation officials if applicable.

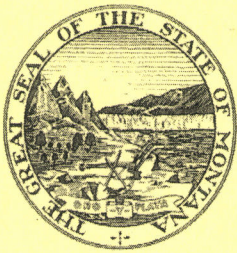
(5) Applications for local government road and street project grants must provide the following information:

- (a) scope;
- (b) schedule;
- (c) budget, including the amount and source of the match requirement and the strategy for administering and tracking;
- (d) roles and responsibilities of the local government; and
- (e) maintenance commitment by the local government.

(6) All grant recipients for local government road and street projects under [section 3] shall comply with the provisions of Title 7, chapter 5, part 23, and Title 7, chapter 14, part 24."

- END -





*The Big Sky Country*

# MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## AUTHORIZED COMMITTEE PROXY

I request to be excused from the Free Conference Committee # SB 354

Committee because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote with:

Rep Jerry Bennett

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO

SB Amendment	✓	

BILL/AMENDMENT

AYE NO


Rep.

Mark Roland

(Signature)

Date

4-23-15



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**CONFERENCE/FREE CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE on HB/SB No. 354**

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